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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **California Secretary of State Alex Padilla to Join State and Local Election Leaders on DEFCON Panel**

**LAS VEGAS, NV** – California Secretary of State Alex Padilla will participate in [DEFCON](#)'s Voting Village panel "The Role of State and Local Election Administrators in Securing Elections" on Friday, August 9 from 2:30 p.m. -3:30 p.m. This is Secretary Padilla's second year attending and speaking at DEFCON.

"State and local election officials are the first line of defense of our democracy," said Secretary of State Alex Padilla. "By bringing together security experts and election officials, DEFCON provides a unique venue for discussion, collaboration, and innovation. The progress made at DEFCON to enhance security awareness and understanding serves to strengthen the security and integrity of our elections."

Since its founding in 1993, DEFCON has become one of the world's largest hacker conferences. Held annually in Las Vegas, the event attracts leading hackers, along with computer security professionals, journalists, lawyers, academics, and local, state and federal government leaders.

**\*Media interested in attending should RSVP to [jhouser@cambridgeglobal.com](mailto:jhouser@cambridgeglobal.com).**

- WHO:** California Secretary of State Alex Padilla  
Noah Praetz, former Director of Elections, Cook County, Illinois  
Barb Byrum, County Clerk, Ingham County, Michigan  
Amber McReynolds, Executive Director, National Vote at Home Institute  
Eric Geller (moderator), Cybersecurity Reporter, Politico
- WHAT:** DEFCON Voting Village Panel: The Role of State and Local Election Administrators in Securing Elections
- WHEN:** Friday, August 9, 2019  
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- WHERE:** Melrose 4 Ballroom  
Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino  
Las Vegas, NV

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